

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on February 23, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)
Sen. Nels Swandal, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 305, 2/15/2017

Executive Action: SB 247- Do Pass As Amended

00:00:01 Chairman Hoven

HEARING ON HB 305

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:57 Rep. Bill Harris (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 305, Revising laws related to county bounties on predators.

00:01:21 Sen. Sands entered the meeting.

00:03:17 Sen. MacDonald entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:44 Chris King, commissioner, Petroleum County

00:05:24 Paul McKenna, commissioner, Petroleum County

00:06:19 Harold Blattie, executive director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
[EXHIBIT\(ags40a01\)](#)

00:10:33 Kori Anderson, lobbyist, Montana Stockgrowers Association, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:11:15 Levi Ostberg, lobbyist, Montana Farmers Union

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:04 Marc Cooke, president, Wolves of the Rockies
[EXHIBIT\(ags40a02\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:14:40 Quentin Kujala, section chief, Wildlife Management Division, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:11 Sen. Swandal

00:15:38 Mr. Blattie, MACo

00:16:06 Sen. Swandal

00:16:26 Mr. Blattie

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:06 Rep. Harris

00:19:24 Chairman Hoven

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 247

00:20:29 **Motion:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SB 247 DO PASS.**

00:20:40 **Motion:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SB 247 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(ags40a03)

Discussion:

00:20:54 Sue O'Connell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division
00:21:26 Chairman Hoven
00:24:17 Sen. Osmundson
00:24:42 Chairman Hoven
00:25:54 Sen. Sands
00:26:36 Sen. MacDonald
00:27:21 Sen. Lang

00:29:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Lang, Sen. Moore, Sen. Olszewski, Sen. Salomon and Sen. Swandal voting no.

00:30:47 **Motion:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SB 247 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:30:54 Sen. Moore
00:31:23 Sen. Caferro
00:31:31 Chairman Hoven

00:31:41 **Motion:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SB 247 BE AMENDED WITH A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT.**

Discussion:

00:31:45 Sen. Swandal
00:32:16 Sen. Caferro
00:32:55 Chairman Hoven

00:32:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:32:49 Sen. Swandal

00:33:15 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SB 247 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Lang, Sen. Moore, Sen. Osmundson, Sen. Salomon and Sen. Swandal voting no.

00:34:02 Chairman Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:36 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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